

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Town Officers of Hamilton, Mass.
WITH REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916.
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LIST OF OFFICERS.

MODERATOR

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER

TOWN CLERK

SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE

TREASURER

JOHN L. WOODBURY

SELECTMEN

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

OVERSEERS OF POOR

ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman

GEORGE H. GIBNEY CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

BOARD OF HEALTH

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Chairman

GEORGE H. GIBNEY A. C. CUMMINGS

ASSESSORS

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman

Term expires 1917

DANIEL D. STONE

Term expires 1918

SAMUEL G. GOODHUE

Term expires 1919

TREE WARDEN
ERLE G. BREWER

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY
REGINALD C. ROBINS, Chairman and Treasurer

	Term expires 1918
FRANCIS C. NORTON	Term expires 1917
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER	Term expires 1919

FENCE VIEWERS
CLARENCE E. JOHNSON WILLIAM E. TOWNSEND
JOHN R. MANN

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MERRILL S. LOVERING, Chairman Term expires 1918
MRS. ADELAIDE D. WALSH Term expires 1917
MISS FLORENCE M. LULL Term expires 1919

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman Term expires 1917
FRANCIS C. NORTON Term expires 1919
GEORGE H. GIBNEY Term expires 1918

PARK COMMISSIONERS
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman Term expires 1919
FRANCIS C. NORTON Term expires 1918
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON Term expires 1917

TAX COLLECTOR
CHARLES W. APPLETON

CONSTABLES
ALFRED T. POOLE, Chief of Police
CHARLES H. SMITH LEROY S. DODGE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

ERLE G. BREWER

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

ADDISON B. TOWLE, Chairman Term expires 1918

SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE .

LESTER M. WHIPPLE Term expires 1916

JONATHAN LAMSON Term expires 1917

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

RANDALL E. ADAMS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

ANDREW HARADEN

FIRE ENGINEERS

ERLE G. BREWER, Chief

GEORGE F. PENDENTER, Clerk

LESTER M. WHIPPLE WALTER C. CLIFFORD

FRANK DANE

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

GEORGE R. DODGE

KEEPER OF LOCKUP

SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE

FIELD DRIVERS

FRED BERRY

MERRILL S. LOVERING

FRED P. KILHAM

ERNEST M. BARKER

JONATHAN LAMSON

POUND KEEPER

GEORGE H. HARADEN

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

FRED BERRY

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

JESSE S. MANN

JONATHAN LAMSON

RALPH BERRY

TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN

ANNUAL REPORTS.

RECEIPTS.

TAXES.

Current year.

Property, \$46,834 28

Poll, 770 00

Previous years.

Property, 16,584 14

Poll, 274 00

From State.

Corporation, 4,918 10

Street Railway 800 69

National Bank 1,418 64

\$71,599 85

LICENSES AND PERMITS.

Licenses.

Liquor, \$1351 50

Pool, 6 00

Peddler, 6 00

\$1363 50

FINES AND FORFEITS.

Fines.

Court, \$10 00

\$10 00

GRANTS AND GIFTS.

From County.

Dog licenses, \$350 40

From Individuals.

Norman Fund, 200 00 \$550 40

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Moth, \$1334 06 \$1334 06

PRIVILEGES.

Public service.

Excise Tax, \$1195 75 \$1195 75

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Clerk.

Telephone and postage, \$3 56

Town Hall.

Rent, 35 00 \$38 56

PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Inspection.

Sealer's fees, \$24 63 24 63

Forestry.

Gypsy Moth reimbursements, from

State, 69 52

From sales of wood, 50 00 119 52 \$144 15

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Sale of materials, \$12 00 \$12 00

CHARITIES.

Reimbursements for Relief from Cities and

Towns, \$248 68

From State, 222 55

Reimbursements for Mothers' Aid from

Cities and Towns, 140 00

From State, 194 00 \$805 23

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

State Aid, \$524 00 \$524 00

SCHOOLS.

Tuition of State Wards, \$55 00

Other tuition, 44 25

Sale of car tickets, etc., 17 87 \$117 12

LIBRARIES.

Fines and sales, \$13 87 \$13 87

ENTERPRISES.

Public Scales.

Fees, \$31 55 \$31 55

CEMETERIES.

Sale of lots, \$110 00

Care of endowed lots, 81 00 \$191 00

INTEREST.

On deposits, \$408 94

On taxes and assessments, 666 81

On Allen fund,	25 00	
On Dodge fund,	40 00	\$1,140 75

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue Loans,	\$40,000 00	\$40,000 00
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AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.

State Tax,	\$10,400 00	
County Tax,	9,027 44	
Liquor licenses col- lected for State,	450 50	19,877 94

Trust.

Perpetual care funds,	300 00	300 00	\$20,177 94
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REFUNDS.

Bank Tax,	\$3 36	
Departmental,	85 04	
Accrued Interest,	16 88	\$105 28

BALANCES.

General,	\$28,909 93	
Allen fund,	41	
Dodge fund,	49 52	\$28,959 86
Total Receipts,		<u>\$168,314 87</u>

PAYMENTS.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

MODERATOR.

Salary,	\$10 00	
Other expenses (Water Committee),	503 48	513 48

SELECTMEN.

Salaries,	\$675 00	
Other expenses,	\$148 30	823 30

AUDITOR.

Salary,	\$500 00	
State audit,	47 30	
Other expenses,	17 83	565 13

TREASURER.

Salary,	\$400 00	
Other expenses,	106 34	506 34

COLLECTOR.

Salary,	\$400 00	
Other expenses,	176 16,	576 16

ASSESSORS.

Salaries,	\$650 00	
Other expenses,	205 09	855 09

OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS.

Certification of notes,	\$6 00	6 00
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LAW.

Salary.	\$100 00	100 00
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CLERK.

Salary,	\$200 00	
Other expenses,	48 90	248 90

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION.

Salaries and wages,	\$320 00	
Other expenses,	129 62	449 62

TOWN HALL.

Salary,	\$400 00		
Other expenses,	1068 43	1468 43	\$6112 45

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

POLICE.

Salaries and wages,	\$1349 25	
Equipment,	104 25	
Other expenses,	204 24	1657 74

FIRE.

Salaries and wages,	\$160 67
Horses and care of same.	
Team hire,	31 05

Equipment and re-		
pairs,	\$210 89	
New fire alarm system,	1810 60	
New Equipment,	1480 64	
Fuel and Light,	62 91	
Maintenance of build-		
ings and grounds,	161 64	
Reconstruction of en-		
gine house,	507 40	
Other expenses,	174 88	4600 68

SEALER.

Salary,	\$50 00	
Other expenses,	94 09	144 09

FORESTRY.

Insect pest extermination.

Salaries.

Superintendent,	\$731 38
Labor,	2372 41

Other expenses.

Teams,	480 47
Equipment,	57 30
All other,	253 78

Tree Warden.

Labor,	231 83
Teams,	37 50
All other,	24 30

Forest Warden,	30 00	4218 97	\$10,621 48
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HEALTH AND SANITATION.

General administration, \$141 73

Contagious Diseases,	843 38	
Tuberculosis,	58 57	
Vital Statistics,	8 75	
Other expenses.		
Fumigation,	45 00	
All other,	58 81	
Inspection.		
Animals,	49 63	
Meat,	4 00	
School children,	105 00	
Sanitation.		
Care of dump,	25 00	\$1339 87

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

General highway expenditures.		
Labor,	\$3061 20	
Teams,	2268 73	
Gravel and stone,	265 40	
Lumber,	121 10	
Equipment and repairs,	59 65	
State Assessment,	755 04	
Norman Fund,	199 50	
Road roller,	804 94	
All other,	159 00	7694 56
Construction.		
Macadam,	6749 02	
Gardner Street,	599 25	
Union Street,	197 20	
Rust Street,	799 65	8345 12
Sidewalks maintenance.		
Salaries and wages,	540 90	

Teams,	\$400 00		
Gravel, etc.,	58 00		
Construction.			
Maple Street,	100 00	1098 90	
Snow Removal.			
Salaries and wages,	2885 68		
Teams,	1378 95		
All other,	91 79	4356 42	
Sprinkling.			
Oil,	2499 12	2499 12	
Street Lighting,	4908 32	4908 32	
Street signs,	14 65	14 65	
Guard Rail,	144 31	144 31	\$29,061 40

CHARITIES.

General administration.			
Salaries,	\$104 00		
Other expenses,	1 25	105 25	
Outside relief by town.			
Groceries and provisions,	1203 95		
Coal and wood,	203 25		
Board and care,	834 63		
Medical expense,	211 15		
Cash aid,	494 00		
State Institution,	3 43		
All other,	649 37	3599 78	
Relief given by other cities and towns,	199 31	199 31	.
Mothers' Aid,	468 00	468 00	\$4372 34

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

State Aid,	\$495 00	495 00	
Soldiers' Relief.			
Cash,	336 00		
Medical attendance,	218 61		
Fuel,	36 50	591 11	\$1086 11

SCHOOLS.

General expenses.			
Superintendent,	\$500 00		
Secretary,	25 00		
Truant Officer,	15 20		
Printing, etc,	19 50		
Telephone,	63 28		
Census,	25 00		
Purchasing Agent,	75 00	722 98	
Teachers' salaries.			
High,	3504 73		
Elementary,	5827 80		
Music,	240 48		
Retirement Fund,	122 50	9695 51	
Text-books and supplies.			
High,	416 18		
Elementary,	1276 91	1693 09	
Transportation,	974 92	974 92	
Janitors' services.			
High,	390 00		
Elementary,	522 00	912 00	
Fuel and Light.			
Fuel.			
High School,	379 53		

Elementary,	\$425 70		
Light.			
High,	38 66		
Elementary,	38 66	882 55	
Maintenance of build-			
ings,	1163 09	1163 09	
All other,	185 75	185 75	\$16,229 89

LIBRARIES.

Salaries and wages,	\$214 99		
Books and periodicals,	220 10		
Buildings, Rent,	175 00		
Other expenses,	63 01		\$673 10

RECREATION.

Park.

Additbn and improve-	
ment,	\$66 45

UNCLASSIFIED.

Memorial Day,	\$7 50		
Town Clerk,	25 00		
Town Reports,	138 45		
Mothers' Club,	21 00		
Boiler Insurance,	75 35		
Valuation List,	15 00		\$282 30

CEMETERIES.

Maintenance,	\$268 30	\$268 30
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INTEREST.

On loans in anticipation of revenue,	\$1085 44	
On loans for general purposes,	275 60	
On deferred State Tax,	5 84	\$1366 88

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans in anticipation of revenue,	\$55,000 00	
Town Hall bond,	1000 00	
School bond,	980 00	\$56,980 00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.		
State Tax,	\$10,400 00	
County Tax,	9,027 44	
Liquor licenses col- lected for State,	450 50	
Trust.		
Perpetual care funds,	300 00	\$20,177 94

REFUNDS.

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Accrued interest,	16 88	\$105 28

BALANCES.

General,	\$19,517 20	
Allen fund,	41	
Dodge fund,	53 47	\$ 19,571 08
Total payments,		<u>\$168,314 87</u>

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1916.

REVENUE ACCOUNTS.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash (in banks and office)	.	Overlay 1916	.
Taxes 1911	\$19,571 08	Revenue Loans	.
1912	7 80	Appropriation balances	.
1913	29 00	Water Committee	38 78
1914	52 71	Willow Street	200 00
1915	135 39	Reserve Fund	1,273 89
1916	3,425 90		
	7,683 77	Norman Fund	111 64
Moth Assessments 1915	48 66	H. A. Dodge Fund income	53 47
1916	87 08	Dr. Justin Allen Fund income	41
Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Aid	545 00	Surplus	22,561 48
Overdrawn Appropriations			
Treasurer	12 34		
Bonding Officers	45 00		
Police	59 39		
Health	709 74		
Inspector of Cattle	3 63		
Snow	2,356 42		
Poor	872 34		
Insurance on Schoolhouses	10 50		
Insurance on Boilers	45 35		
	<u>\$35,701 10</u>		<u>\$35,701 10</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Cash and Securities	.	.	.	\$6,389 50	Perpetual Care Fund	.	.	.	\$4,852 63
					H. A. Dodge Fund	.	.	.	1,036 87
					Dr, Justin Allen Fund	.	.	.	500 00
				<u>\$6,389 50</u>					<u>\$6,389 50</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS.

Net Bonded Debt	\$5,900 00	School Bonds	.	.	.	\$4,900 00
						Town Hall Bonds	.	.	.	1,000 00
					<u>\$5,900 00</u>					<u>\$5,900 00</u>

Statement of Trust Funds.

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

Savings bank deposits beginning of year, \$4458 55
 Savings bank deposits end of year, 4852 63

RECEIPTS.

PAYMENTS.

Deposits for Care, \$300 00 Care of lots, \$ 81 00
 Interest, 175 08 Deposited in bank, 394 08

\$475 08 \$475 08

NAME OF FUND.	BALANCE JAN. 1, 1916.	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.	BALANCE DEC. 31, 1916.
D. S. Allen	\$425 03	\$17 16	\$8 00	\$434 19
Choate Burnham	186 24	7 50	5 00	188 74
George T. Haynes	112 90	4 54	3 00	114 44
Jacob Kinsman	106 52	4 28	3 00	107 80
H. Augusta Dodge	243 98	9 82	5 00	248 80
Daniel E. Safford	113 68	4 56	3 00	115 24
L. D. Whipple	112 64	4 52	3 00	114 16
Amos Burnham	111 24	4 48	2 00	113 72
Elizabeth A. Brown	108 78	4 36	4 00	109 14
M. K. Abbott	222 62	8 98	5 00	226 60
Luther Dane	108 92	4 38	2 60	111 30
Daniel Roberts	103 42	4 16	3 00	104 58
Joseph I. Dodge	105 46	4 24	3 00	106 70
Ellen A. Bean	106 32	4 28	3 00	107 60
Albert R. Allen	103 14	4 16	3 00	104 30
Ayers Fund	158 78	6 38	3 00	162 16
W. E. Townsend	103 12	4 16	3 00	104 28
Dr. Justin Allen	103 12	4 16	2 00	105 28
J. K. Davenport	102 04	4 12	3 00	103 16
William H. Gleason	102 04	4 12	3 00	103 16
Hannah M. Whipple	100 04	4 04	2 00	102 08
Frances Dane	1166 52	47 10	8 00	1205 62
Horace E. Andrews	101 00	4 04	1 00	104 04
Charles A. Peterson	101 00	4 04	1 00	104 04
Howard R. Fillebrown	50 00	1 50		51 50
N. B. Butler	100 00			100 00
J. E. Dodge		100 00		100 00
Laura Patch		100 00		100 00
Arthur Mason		100 00		100 00
	\$4458 55	\$475 08	\$81 00	\$4852 63

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND
(EXHIBIT).

Savings bank deposits at beginning of year, . .	\$500 00
Savings bank deposits at end of year,	500 00

RECEIPTS.

PAYMENTS.

Interest,	\$20 00	Books,	\$20 00
Cash to begin, . .	41	Cash at end, . .	41
	<u>\$20 41</u>		<u>\$20 41</u>

H. A. DODGE LIBRARY FUND (EXHIBIT).

United Fruit Co. Bond (par value)	\$1000 00
Deposit in Merchants National Bank, . . , .	36 87
Total cash and securities belonging to the principal of the fund at the beginning	<u> </u>
and end of the year,	\$1036 87

RECEIPTS.

PAYMENTS.

Interest,	\$45 00	Books,	\$41 05
Cash to begin, . .	49 52	Cash at end, . .	53 47
	<u>\$94 52</u>		<u>\$94 52</u>

Assessor's Report.

APRIL ASSESSMENT.

Value of buildings,	\$1,832,550	
Value of land,	1,097,055	
Value of real estate,		\$2,929,605 00
Value of personal estate,		4,171,216 00
Total Valuation,		\$7,100,821 00
Tax on real estate,	\$29,296 05	
Tax on personal estate,	41,712 16	
Tax on polls,	1,038 00	
Total tax,		\$72,046 21
Gypsy moth assessment,		\$1,195 12
Rate per \$1,000,		10 00
Number of horses,		345
Number of cows,		222
Number of neat cattle other than cows,		52
Number of sheep,		23
Number of swine,		218
Number of fowl,		1840
Number of dwellings,		837
Number of acres of land,		8362
Number of residents assessed on property,		357
All others,		59
Number of non-residents assessed on property,		235
All others,		60
Number of polls assessed,		519

Number of polls only,	292
Number of persons assessed,	1003

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT.

Value of buildings,	\$1200 00	
Value of land,	300 00	
Value of real estate,		\$ 1500 00
Value of personal property,		268,028 00
Total valuation,		<u>\$269,528 00</u>

Tax on real estate,	\$ 15 00	
Tax on personal estate,	2680 28	
Tax on polls,	6 00	
Total tax,		<u>\$2701 28</u>

Appropriated for		
General Town expenses,		\$64,640 00
State tax,		10,400 00
State audit,		47 30
State highway,		755 04
County tax,		9027 44
Overlay,		1331 43
		<u>\$86,201 21</u>

Less estimated revenue,	\$14,155 00	
Less polls,	1038 00	\$15,193 00
Amount to be raised by tax levy,		<u>\$71,008 21</u>

GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman,
SAMUEL G. GOODHUE,
DANIEL D. STONE,

Assessors.

Police Department.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:—I wish to submit my first annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1916,

Whole number of arrests during the year, 8; divided as follows:

Males,	8
Native born,	6
Foreign born,	2
Adults,	8
Residents,	8

RECAPITULATION.

Crimes against the person,	1
Crimes against property,	1
Crimes against good order,	6
Persons committed to station,	4
Persons arrested on warrants,	5

OFFENCES.

Capias,	1
Drunkenness,	3
Larceny,	1
Non-support,	1
Vagrant,	1
Violation school laws,	1

DISPOSITION.

Discharged,	1
Fined,	1
Placed on file,	1
Probated,	1
Released,	1
Salem Jail,	3

MISCELLANEOUS.

Automobiles reported stolen,	2
Automobiles found and recovered,	2
Bicycles reported lost and stolen,	6
Bicycles found and recovered,	6
Buildings found open,	2
Complaints received,	98
Complaints investigated,	90
Disturbances,	2
Fires extinguished,	2
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town,	4
Lights furnished for dangerous places,	2
Lights extinguished in buildings,	3
Letters, postal cards and circulars received,	160
Letters, postal cards and notices sent out,	413
Officers attendance at Court,	15
Property reported stolen,	\$460
Property recovered and found,	\$140
Police assisting out of town officers,	8
Police assistance from out of town officers,	6
Reports to Highway Commission,	7
Report to Prison Commission,	1
State Hospital committed, (Danvers)	1

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE AT COURT.

Poole,	14
Merrill,	1
Smith,	0
Dodge,	0

ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS.

Poole,	7
Merrill,	1
Smith,	0
Dodge,	0

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED BY OFFICERS.

Poole,	80
Smith,	6
Dodge,	4

OFFICERS HOURS OF DUTY PERFORMED.

		AMOUNT
Smith,	437	\$174 80
Dodge,	153	61 20
Hoy,	40	16 00

I wish to thank all who have in any way assisted me or any member of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. POOLE,

Chief of Police.

Report of Park Commissioners.

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 14, 1916, George K. Knowlton was elected Park Commissioner for three years.

ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman,	Term expires 1919
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Secretary,	Term expires 1917
FRANK C. NORTON,	Term expires 1918

Town appropriation,	\$125 00
Paid	

George G. Haraden, labor,	\$12 45	
James Kinsella, hedge and setting,	20 00	
J. N. Crowe, 1 heavy N. E. swing,	6 00	
Emma D. Wallace, cemetery lot,	25 00	
F. C. Norton, care of park furniture,	3 00	66 45

Unexpended,	\$58 55
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This small park in the centre of the town is the only public place where the children of this section can play with safety.

The large amount of travel by power machines through the main street of the town has created a great liability to serious accidents, especially to children.

This is sufficient reason of itself for the town to expend a few dollars, as may be necessary, on this property.

An appropriation of fifty dollars is recommended.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,
FRANK C. NORTON,

Park Commissioners.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 14, 1916, Frank C. Norton was elected Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman,	Term expires 1917
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Secretary,	Term expires 1918
FRANK C. NORTON,	Term expires 1919
GEORGE E. ROBERTS appointed Superintendent of Cemetery.	

There has been only the ordinary care of the cemetery during the present year, as no appropriation was made for any extra work.

The Commissioners recommend an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars which will probably be sufficient to meet all prospective expenses for the year 1917.

For financial matter see report of Town Accountant.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
FRANK C. NORTON,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Town Clerk's Report.

There were two hearings the past year, one on the joint petition of the Bay State Street Railway Company, the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Beverly Gas & Electric Company, for a joint or identical location of four poles with permission to erect and maintain thereon such fixtures as may be necessary from time to time in the transaction of their business. (Granted).

One from the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company for permission to erect two poles at the Boston & Maine station. (No action taken).

REGISTRATION.

There were eight meetings of the Board of Registrars the past year at which forty-three (43) males were added to the voting list and sixty-nine (69) females were added to the list of female voters, making in all 112. Whole number of male voters, 365; female, 86. 25 males and 5 females were dropped from the lists.

DOG LICENSES.

There were three kennel and one breeders licenses issued. Of the eighty-two individual licenses taken seventy-one were for males and eleven were females.

MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Ernest T. Bond of Boston,
Alice W. Folger of Boston.
Edwin L. Barker of Hamilton,
Mary F. Wildes of Wenham.
Wladgstaw Zielinski of Hamilton,
Gnowefa Wronkowski of Hamilton.
William E. Townsend of Hamilton,
Gladys E. Lougee of Hamilton.
C. Augustus Norwood of Hamilton,
Elizabeth F. Gragg of Brookline.
Harold L. Knowlton of Hamilton,
Nellie C. Varnum of Hamilton.
Leslie M. Tinkham, of Hamilton,
Hazel Mugridge of Danvers.
Alexander Morrison of Andover,
Mildred Fern Wildes of Hamilton.
George H. Addison of Hamilton,
Edith E. Batson of Lynn.
Francis W. Dane of Hamilton,
Eva F. Crowley of Hamilton.
Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. of Hamilton,
Phyllis Sears of Beverly.
Joseph Hurlburt of Hamilton,
Elizabeth Turpin of Hamilton.
Percy C. MacGregor of Hamilton,
Edna Pearl Nutter of Beverly.
Hugh C. Young of Lynn,
Etta Gertrude MacGregor of Hamilton.
Gustavus Kinsman of Ipswich,
Grace C. Stone of Hamilton.

Thomas F. Hansbury of Beverly,
Hepsey Gertrude Roberts of Hamilton.
Cornelius C. Felton of Haverford, Penn.,
Maria D. Agassiz of Boston.
Walter J. Emeney of Hamilton,
Martha A. Norton of Hamilton.
Loring A. Cook of Hamilton,
Jenney M. Brown of Gloucester.
Harold Goldthwait of Dunstable, Mass.
Maud L. Melvin of Hamilton.
Joseph O. Leno of Ipswich,
Harriet F. Pitman of Hamilton.
Williard W. Britton of Beverly,
Amy N. Burnham of Hamilton.

BIRTHS RECORDED.

- Jan. 3. ———, son of Elles B. Marr and Delia (Sullivan) Marr.
Jan. 18. Kathleen Mary, daughter of Michael DeLucca and Sarah (McKeer) DeLucca.
Jan. 9. Howard Bennett, son of Edward W. MacGregor and Emma C. (Lougee) MacGregor.
Jan. 30. Still born, daughter of James Ciano and Annie (Teranzio) Ciano.
Feb. 3. Still born, daughter of Marcus Stanley Nowe and Myrtle Laura (Pitman) Nowe.
Feb. 7. Phillip Whipple, son of Robert Foss and Ethel (Morrill) Foss.
Feb. 8. Ernest Joseph, son of George Daniels and Eva (Nickerson) Daniels.

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- Feb. 27. Harold, son of Frank Jones and Alice Florence (Hill) Jones.
- Mar. 20. Still born, son of William R. Crowther and Mary A. (Griffin) Crowther
- Mar. 27. Lorena Maud, daughter of William W. Bancroft and Bessie (Dodge) Bancroft.
- Apr. 30. Sophia, daughter of Walter Zarlenski and Gladys (Vronkopki) Zerlenski.
- May 8. Nancy Douglas, daughter of Douglas H. Knowlton and Mae Evelin (Schaller) Knowlton.
- May 25. Frank, son of Frank Bachar and Francis (Drabnowicz) Bachar.
- May 26. Mary Kathleen, daughter of James Gildart and Delia (Early) Gildart.
- June 18. Hazel Louise, daughter of Leslie M. Tinkham and Hazel (Mugridge) Tinkham.
- June 28. Catherine, daughter of George Cracknell and Catherine (Shea) Cracknell.
- July 4. Mary Allen, daughter of Thomas Walsh and Ellen Walsh.
- July 22. George Von Lengerke, son of George Von L. Meyer, Jr. and Francis (Saltonstall) Meyer.
- July 29. Mary Veronica, daughter of Jeremiah J. Horgan and Nora J. (Carrol) Horgan.
- July 17. Reginald David, son of Reginald Williamson and Agnes O. (Hall) Williamson.
- July 18. Hazel Dunn, daughter of Michael Mullins and Mary (Dunn) Mullins.
- Aug. 17. Eleanor Louise, daughter of Edwin L. Barker and Mary F. (Wildes) Barker.
- Aug. 20. William Frederick, son of William F. Tuttle and Sarah (Maddocks) Tuttle.

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- Aug. 25. Alice Signe, daughter of Andrew R. Dunn and Signe K. (Peterson) Dunn.
- Sept. 12. Oretta Harriet, daughter of Fred A. Saunders and Mildred A. (Hills) Saunders.
- Sept. 1. Stefan, son of Ignacy Grzeskiewiez and Wennika (Siwek) Grzeskiewiez.
- Sept. 30. Mary Francis, daughter of James E. Mercer and Mabel (Griffin) Mercer.
- Oct. 7. Janice Elizabeth, daughter of Raymond C. Gould, and Pauline (Chandler) Gould.
- Oct. 10. Frank, son of Felix Backar and Mary (Wisizock) Backar.
- Oct. 13. Still born, daughter of John McCauley and Mary (Reith) McCauley.
- Oct. 30. Harold Lovering, son of Harold L. Knowlton and Nellie (Varnum) Knowlton.
- Nov. 2. Richard Augustus, son of Edward J. Pitman and Carrie (Tuttle) Pitman.
- Nov. 6. Lawrence Lamson, son of Jonathan Lamson and Grace B. (Orne) Lamson.
- Nov. 7. Son of George McCauley and Josephine (Doucette) McCauley.
- Nov. 8. Robert, son of David Nelson and Margaret (White) Nelson.
- Nov. 8. Alvin Foye, son of A. F. Sartwell and Elise (Pollard) Sartwell.
- Nov. 11. Sarah Gould, daughter of William E. Townsend and Gladys E. (Lougee) Townsend.
- Dec. 21. Marjorie Eleanor, daughter of Harry L. Saulnier and Susan A. (Lougee) Saulnier.
- April 5. Daughter of E. M. Stanley. (Moved from Town.)

Returned too late for 1915 Register.

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- May 10. Lawrence Austin, son of Arthur Dale and Ina (Clark) Dale.
- May 26. Carolyn May, daughter of William Cleaves and Carolyn (O'Leary) Cleaves.
- Aug. 6. John James, son of Thomas Ryan and Mary M. (Lawless) Ryan.

DEATHS RECORDED.

1916

			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan.	4.	Gertrude B. McRae,	5	1	28
Feb.	1.	Child of James Ciane,			2
Feb.	3.	Still born child of Marcus Nowe			
Feb.	11.	Warren P. Davis,	91	2	
Mar.	3.	Albert J. Drouin,		2	
Mar.	20.	Mary Elizabeth Safford,	82	11	12
Mar.	21.	Child of William R. Crowther,			1
Mar.	26.	Mary (McDonald) Farren,	69		
May	8.	Anna M. Whipple,	76	2	19
May	16.	Moses B. Rust,	78	10	12
May	27.	Apphia K. Gould,	87		5
May	31.	Gardner J. Dodge,	7	1	12
June	11.	Bruce M. Dodge, Still born.			
July	9.	Lucinda McConaghy,	81	9	27
July	24.	Lucy Abby Lawrence,	70	3	20
Aug.	20.	William F. Tuttle, Jr., Still born.			
Sept.	16.	Victor John DeLucca,	3	10	19
Sept.	22.	Carminos Valentine DeLucca,	2	7	7
Oct.	10.	Olive G. McKay,	87	9	7
Oct.	11.	Amelia McQueeny,	74	8	24

Nov.	10.	William Morrison,	60	3	7
Nov.	13.	Arthur True Trask,	48	6	24
Dec.	11.	Mabel T. Wallace,	42	4	3
Dec.	21.	Frederick C. Schaller,	77	9	29

BROUGHT INTO TOWN.

			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan.	5.	Mary S. Peabody,	90	4	17
Mar.	17.	Frank Brewer,	40		
Mar.	26.	Daniel Trow,	85	2	23
Apr.	4.	Jennie Woodbury,	72	4	
May	5.	Albert M. Whipple,	77	3	22
June	24.	Martha Trow,	85	9	5
Aug.	22.	Samuel H. Dane,	64		7
Sept.	14.	Otis Appleton,	54	3	21
Sept.	17.	Harriet Waite,	80		
Sept.	27.	Charles Mason,	54		27
Oct.	13.	Lydia Ann Adams,	87	10	

SAMUEL A. F. WHIPPLE,

Town Clerk.

Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, 1916.

We wish to report to the citizens of Hamilton the resignation on September 1st of Mrs. Grace C. Stone, who for so many years had faithfully and efficiently fulfilled the difficult duties of Librarian. Mrs. Stone having decided to move away from Hamilton, the Trustees had no choice but

reluctantly to accept her resignation and to appoint a successor. The new appointee, Miss Annie S. Preston, has taken up her duties with the greatest interest and devotion; and the results of her work are entirely satisfactory to the Trustees.

Respectfully,

REGINALD C. ROBBINS,
Chairman.

Public Library Report.

Having been in the Library only since the first of September, my report will cover just the last four months of the year. During that time we have added eighty-nine new books, purchased with money appropriated by the town. These books were nearly all published in 1916. They are mostly fiction as that is what the people want but I think there is an increasing demand for non-fiction.

We have also received a gift of twenty-three volumes from Mrs. Augustus P. Gardner and through the courtesy of Mr. Reginald C. Robbins, we have two valuable new magazines added to our reading table, the Red Cross Magazine and Sea Power. We thank Mrs. Gardner and Mr. Robbins for their kindness.

Mr. Horace H. Atherton also sent us a copy of his History of Saugus, which is very interesting.

Another oak cabinet has been added to the new card-catalog. This catalog when finished will be a valuable and very necessary addition to the Library.

We wish to thank the American Mechanics for presenting to us a fine portrait of Alexander Hamilton, for whom, through the efforts of Dr. Manasseh Cutler, our town received its name. The Library Room certainly looks much more attractive since we received this gift.

Realizing that the Hamilton Public Library exists to be of service to all the people, at all times and in every possible way, the Trustees have made a few new rules, which we hope will be kept faithfully in order that all may receive equal benefit. The town is willing to furnish us with all the best of the new books as soon as they are published and our Library certainly ought to be and can be made one of the best of the smaller libraries in the State.

Hereafter the Library will be open from three to five on both Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and from seven to nine Saturday evening.

ANNIE S. PRESTON,

Librarian.

The following is a list of the books which have been added to the Library since Jan. 1, 1916:

Adams, Sam'l H.

Little Miss Grouch F2957

The Unspeakable Perk F3093

Allen, Emma S.

The House of Gladness F2952

Arnold, Winifred

The Twins Pro and Con F3039

Andrews, Mary R. S.

The Eternal Feminine F3044

Barbour, Ralph H.	
Rivals for the Team	F3071
Bartlett, Frederick O.	
The Wall St. Girl	F3066
Beach, Rex	
Rainbows End	F3032
Bindloss, Harold	
Johnstone of the Border	F3079
Prescott of Saskatchewan	F2974
Blanchard, Amy E.	
Fagots and Flames	F3072
Bonner, Geraldine	
The Girl at Central	F2986
Brady, Cyrus T.	
The Island of the Stairs	F2971
Breifenbach, Louise	
Alma's Sophomore Year	F2954
Brown, Alice	
The Prisoner	F3020
Browne, Belmore	
The Quest of the Golden Valley	F3085
Burnett, Carolyn J.	
Blue Grass Sem. Girls	
Christmas Holidays	F3011
In the Mountains	F3012
On the Water	F3013
Vacation Adventures	F3014
Burnham, Clara L.	
Instead of the Thorn	F2997
Brunkhurst, Harriet	
The Window in the Fence	F3097

Canfield, Dorothy	
The Bent Twig	F3034
The Real Motive	F3100
Canton, William	
A Child's Book of Warriors	971C1
Carleton, William	
One Way Out	F3016
Chapin, Anna Alice	
The Eagle's Mate	F3002
Chase, Mary E.	
Girl from the Big Horn Country	F2983
Cleghorn, Sarah N.	
The Spinster	F2979
Cobb, Irvin S.	
Old Judge Priest	F3082
Comstock, Harriet T.	
Joyce of the North Woods	F3018
Conrad, Joseph	
Youth and other stories	F3041
Cory, Abe	
The Trail to the Hearts of Men	F3098
Curtiss, Philip	
Between Two Worlds	F3050
Dalrymple, Leona	
The Lovable Meddler	F2994
Daviess, Maria T.	
The Daredevil	F2996
Deland, Margaret	
Around Old Chester	F2958
The Rising Tide	F3091
Dell, Ethel M.	
The Bars of Iron	F2984

The Keeper of the Door	F2962
The Way of an Eagle	F2961
Donnell, Annie H.	
Miss Theodosia's Heartstrings	F3048
Dowling, Sherwood	
Struggling Upward	F3042
Dragoumis, Julia D.	
A Man of Athens	F3074
Duffield, Elizabeth M.	
Lucile, the Torch-bearer	F2950
Lucile Triumphant	F3054
Fedden, Mrs. Romilly	
The Spare Room	F2956
Franck, Harry A.	
Tramping through Mexico	920.07F
Fredericks, Arnold	
The Blue Lights	F2951
Frey, Hildegard G.	
Camp Fire Girls	
—In the Maine Woods	F3008
—At School	F3009
Gibbs, George	
The Yellow Dove	F3033
Mad Cap	F3064
Paradise Garden	F3103
Gould, Elizabeth L.	
Cap'n Gid	F3078
Gray, Phoebe	
The Golden Lamp	F2977
Green, Anna K.	
The Chief Legatee	F3035
To the Minute	F3057

Grenfell, Wilfred T.	
Tales of the Labrador	971.9G
Grey, Zane	
Betty Zane	F3019
The Border Legion	F2986
Hardy, Arthur S.	
Helen	F3052
Hewlett, Maurice	
Love and Lucy	F3096
Hopkins, William J.	
Those Gillespies	F3020
Hueston, Ethel	
Prudence of the Parsonage	F2946
Prudence Says So	F3029
Johnson, Chas. H. L.	
Famous Indian Chiefs	970.3J
Johnston, Annie F.	
Georgina of the Rainbows	F3053
Kester, Vaughn	
John O'Jamestown	F2973
King, Basil	
The Side of the Angels	F2988
Lea, Fannie Heaslip	
Chloe Malone	F3080
Lincoln, Natalie S.	
I Spy	F3015
Lincoln, Joseph C.	
Mary 'Gusta	F3027
Lindencrome, L. deHegermann	
In the Courts of Memory	808.6L
Lippmann, Julie	
The Governess	F3049

Martha and Cupid	F3058
Locke, William J.	
Viviette	F3000
Locke, Sumner	
Samaritan Mary	F2981
London, Jack	
Moon-Face	F2948
The Little Lady of the Big House	F2975
Long, Helen Beecher	
How Janice Day Won	F3040
Lutz, Grace L. H.	
The Finding of Jasper Holt	F2989
Marcia Schuyler	F3017
A Voice in the Wilderness	F3065
Maniates, Belle K.	
Mildew Manse	F2976
Manners, J. Hartley	
Peg O' My Heart	F2963
Marshall, Archibald	
The Squire's Daughter	F3045
The Honor of the Chiltons	F3046
The Eldest Son	F3062
The Old Order Changeth	F3063
Martin, Helen R.	
Her Husband's Purse	F2992
Martin, Geo. M.	
Emmy Lou's Road to Grace	F3067
Meade, L. T.	
Jill, the Irresistible	F2960
Mason, Grace S.	
The Godparents	F2965

Mearns, Hughes	
Richard Richard	F3090
Meloney, William B.	
The Girl of the Golden Gate	F3021
Merwin, Samuel	
The Trufflers	F3101
Morris, Edwin B.	
Our Miss York	F3010
Mullins, Isla May	
Anne's Wedding	F3061
Nicholson, Meredith	
The Proof of the Pudding	F2990
Norris, Kathleen	
The Story of Julia Page	E2945
The Heart of Rachel	F3073
Oppenheim, E. Phillips	
A People's Man	F2968
The Vanished Messenger	F3047
A Prince of Sinners	F3031
Mr. Marx's Secret	F3075
The Kingdom of the Blind	F3076
O'Shaughnessy, Edith	
A Diplomat's Wife in Mexico	920.07 O'S
Palmer, Frederick	
The Last Shot	F2972
Parker, Gilbert	
The World For Sale	F3056
Parrish, Randall	
The Air Pilot	F2978
Peattie, Elia W.	
Sarah Brewster's Relatives	F3092

Porter Eleanor H.	
The Story of Marco	F2969
Six Star Ranch	F2970
Just David	F2982
Prouty, Olive H.	
The Fifth Wheel	F2987
Poulsson, Emilie	
Top of the World Stories	F3086
Quirk, Leslie W.	
The Boy Scouts of Black Eagle Patrol	F2980
Reed, Myrtle	
A Weaver of Dreams	F2966
Richmond, Grace S.	
Under the Country Sky	F2991
Rihbany, Abraham M.	
A Far Journey	920R1
Rinehart, Mary R.	
K—	F2947
Tish	F3028
Ruck, Berta	
In Another Girl's Shoes	F3094
Sawyer, Ruth	
The Primrose Ring	F2949
Seven Miles to Arden	F2995
Scott, Florence E.	
Across the Continent with Paul and Peggy	F2950
Scott, Le Roy	
Partners of the Night	F3070
Seawell, Molly E.	
Betty at Fort Blizzard	F3084
Sheldon, Chas. M.	
Of One Blood	F3001

Sherwood, Margaret	
The Worn Doorstep	F3055
Sidney, Margaret	
Our Davie Pepper	F3081
Sinclair, Bertrand K.	
Big Timber	F3083
Spearman, Frank H.	
Nan of Music Mountain	F2985
Standish, Winn	
Capt. Jack Lorimer	F3003
Jack Lorimer's Holidays	F3004
Jack Lorimer, Champion	F3005
Jack Lorimer, Substitute	F3006
Jack Lorimer, Freshman	F3007
Sterne, Elaine	
Sonny Jim	F3038
Stoddard, W. O., Jr.	
Making Good in the Village	F3030
Taggart, Marion A.	
Beth of Old Chilton	F3037
Tarkington, Booth	
The Turmoil	F2997
Seventeen	F3026
Thompson, Adele E.	
Nobody's Rose	F2953
Thompson, Chas. M.	
An Army Mule	F2967
Thurston, I. T.	
Billy Burns of Troop 5	F3069
Tompkins, Juliet Wilbur	
The Seed of the Righteous	F2993

Pleasures and Palaces	F2998
Twain, Mark	
Tom Sawyer Abroad	F3043
Van Schaick, George	
The Girl at Big Lone Post	F3099
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey	
Lady Connie	F3102
Warner, Anne	
Susan Clegg and Her Love Affairs	F3051
Waugh, Joseph L.	
Betty Grier	F3089
Webster, Jean	
Dear Enemy	F2964
Wells, H. G.	
Mr. Britling Sees It Through	F3036
Wemyss, Mrs. George	
Jaunty In Charge	F3059
Westcott, Frank N.	
Dabney Todd	F3088
White, Stewart Edward	
The Leopard Woman	F3077
Williamson, C. N. & A. M.	
The Lightning Conductor Discovers America	F3023
Williams, Herschel	
Young People's Story of Massachusetts	974.49W
Wilson, Augusta E.	
Vashti	F2959
Wilson, Harry L.	
Somewhere in Red Gap	F3087
Wiggin, Kate Douglas	
Romance of a Christmas Card	F3068

Young, S. Hall

The Klondike Clan

F3094

Alaska Days with John Muir

910.9Y

South Hamilton Branch Library Report.

South Hamilton, Mass., Feb. 7, 1917.

In submitting my annual report for the South Hamilton Branch Library I can say, we have made quite a little progress. We have issued 3523 books for the year, many of them being new and up-to-date, which the people appreciate very much.

We have added about forty (40) new names to our list of readers and collected in fines ten dollars (\$10), which has been forwarded to the Chairman of the Library Committee.

There has been a great demand for new and up-to-date books which are being supplied by the Library Committee as fast as they are able to do so.

OSGOOD J. KIMBALL,

Librarian of South Hamilton Branch.

Report of Board of Fire Engineers.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—We wish to submit the second annual report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

At the annual Town Meeting in March the Town voted to appropriate \$1000 for general department purposes, \$2000 for fire apparatus and \$2000 for an alarm system.

Shortly after the Town Meeting the Board of Engineers contracted with the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. for a Ford LaFrance Chemical and trailer, as recommended by the Fire Committee of last year. On June 20th this apparatus was delivered to the Town. It was then necessary to appoint a driver and assistants. The following were appointed:

DRIVER

Lieut. A. Merrill Cummings.

ASSISTANTS

Raymond C. Gould

Arthur C. Cummings

George Checketts

John Melanson

In order to comply with the State requirements chauffeurs' licenses were secured for those not already holding them and one was also secured for Capt. Robertson. We now have six men to be called upon to operate the apparatus. The drivers' running orders follow:

1. The first call driver arriving at the house shall drive the apparatus to the fire, remain with it at the fire and

return it to the house, unless excused by a member of the Board of Engineers or by the Captain, or one of the Lieutenants of the Company.

2. Drivers are to wait for at least two (2) men before leaving the house.

3. Drivers are not to allow more than four (4) men on apparatus including themselves. No person unless a member of the Fire Department shall be allowed to ride on the apparatus.

4. It is the duty of the driver upon arriving at the fire to operate the chemical tanks, and he shall be responsible for the filling of tanks.

5. Drivers should never leave chemical tanks or receptacles uncharged.

6. On return to the house, drivers are to make out report on Driver's Report Sheet.

It is the duty of the Driver to make a daily inspection of the apparatus and see that everything is in running order. If the Driver is unable to make a daily inspection by reason of sickness or absence from town, he reports this to the Chief Engineer and it is then the Chief Engineer's duty to see that the daily inspections are kept up. This method has proved very satisfactory and there has not been a time that the motor has failed to respond at once.

Since the apparatus was received we have had seven calls and each time has proved the value of motor apparatus in getting to a fire quickly.

After the Town Meeting we at once got into communication with the Gamewell Fire Alarm Co. and also Mr. R. W. LeBaron of Arlington in regards to a fire alarm system.

Both firms recommended a forty blast system as large enough for this town. At first we talked of using a direct current motor as it was somewhat cheaper but upon the recommendation of both the Gamewell Co. and Mr. LeBaron it was afterwards decided to use an alternating current motor, securing the current from the Beverly Gas & Electric Co. Specifications and prices were submitted and the contract was given to Mr. LeBaron.

Mr. LeBaron is the pioneer in the line of compressed air fire alarm signals, having installed the first one in America. He has plants all over the country, some of the nearest being at Manchester, Marblehead, Peabody and Swampscott.

Before the fire alarm system was put into commission it was necessary to divide the town into districts as follows:

HAMILTON FIRE ALARM DISTRICTS.

- 12—School, Cor. Bridge
- 13—Woodbury's Crossing
- 14—Ipswich Junction
- 15—Chebacco Woods
- 16—Miles River Road, Cor. Essex
- 21—South Hamilton
- 23—Hamilton Center
- 24—Main, Cor. Gardner
- 25—Farms Road Railroad Bridge
- 31—Asbury Grove
- 32—Willowdale
- 34—Norwoods Mills
- 5-5—Assembly Call
- 22-22—At 7 a. m. and 12.30 p. m., No School
- 2—Fire Out
- 1—At 12.00 noon, Test Blast

Owing to the fact that we have no permanent man at the fire station we are obliged to have what we call an Assembly Call (5-5). With the exception of this, our system is practically the same as used in a great many large cities.

A hot water heating system has been installed in the engine house, overhead heat was used in the apparatus room and two large radiators in the meeting room. The system has proved very satisfactory.

We feel that great credit is due the officers and members of Company No. 1 for their interest in the Department and the manner in which they respond to alarms. With an organization like theirs the Department is bound to be a success.

While our efforts have been spent in the past year entirely on the matter of fire fighting we feel that the coming year a part of the time, at least, should be used in consideration of the question of fire prevention.

We invite inspection of the engine house at any time by the citizens of the town, and anyone wishing may make an appointment with the Chief Engineer.

Thanking everyone who has helped in the interest of the Department, we remain

Very respectfully,

ERLE G. BREWER,
GEORGE F. PENDEXTER,
FRANK DANE,
WALTER C. CLIFFORD,
LESTER M. WHIPPLE.

FIRES.

Daniel O'Brien, Linden street, E. McGregor, tenant, chimney fire, no damage.

Charles Peterson, Willow street, chimney fire, no damage.

Cornelius Mullens, Pleasant street, C. Miller, tenant, automobile caught fire, no damage to property.

Essex: apparatus made run to Ipswich Junction but found fire was in Essex, Mears icehouse.

Bessie Vaughns, Main, corner Gardner, McGregor tenant, chimney fire, no damage to property.

Frank Laskie, Mill street, fire caused by paint rags in cellar, no damage to property.

Samuel Malone, Willow street, chimney fire, no damage.

Grass fire on Moulton street, burned over two acres.

Nathan Mathews, off Main street, Childs Frick, tenant, automobile caught fire. Fire out when apparatus arrived.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the thirteenth (13th) day of March, nineteen hundred and seventeen, at six (6) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To bring your ballots for

Moderator, for one year.

Town Clerk, for one year.

Three Selectmen, for one year.

Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, and

Fence Viewers, three for one year.

Treasurer, for one year.

Tax Collector, for one year.

Tree Warden, for one year.

Three Constables, for one year.

One Assessor, for three years.

One Library Trustee for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.

One Park Commissioner, for three years.

One member of School Committee for three years.

And to vote on the following:

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the coming year? Yes or No.

All on one ballot.

The Polls will open at six (6) o'clock and close at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon.

ART. 2. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town shall determine.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and to take any action thereon.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate money for the repairs of Highways, Town Ways and Bridges and all Town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 5. To see what action the Town will take towards purchasing an automobile truck to be used by the gypsy and brown tail moth department and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to finish the graveling of Rust street, as petitioned for by John A. O'Leary and others.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to gravel and oil Maple street, as petitioned for by Fred M. Kilham and others.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will instruct and authorize the Selectmen to purchase or take land in Hamilton for the location of an engine house and appurtenances thereto and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take in the matter of purchasing land upon which to erect a public High School and appropriate a sum of money for the same, as petitioned for by Robert Robertson and others.

ART. 10. To see what action the Town will take towards choosing a committee of three, to be known as a Legislative Committee, and appropriate a sum of money for their use.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to contribute towards the support of the Ipswich Hospital.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1500 for the building of Chebacco street, it being understood that the County of Essex appropriate a like amount.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the use of the Water Committee, the appropriation to be used for a pumping test, subject to the approval of the State Board of Health.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to widen Arlington street and build sidewalks on the same, as petitioned for by T. A. Moynihan and others.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Excess and Deficiency Fund one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the Reserve Fund.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after Jan. 1, 1918, from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1918, to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) in the aggregate, and to issue a note or notes therefor.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the compiling and printing a Town valuation book, as assessed in the year 1916.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will appropriate money from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet overdrafts in the following accounts:

Insurance School Houses,	\$10.50
Treasurer,	12.34
Boiler Insurance,	45.35
Bonding Officers,	45.00
Police,	59.39
Health,	709.74
Inspector Cattle,	3.63
Snow,	2,356.42
Poor,	872.34
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Total,	\$4,114.71

ART. 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for the purpose of observing Decoration Day.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate four hundred thirty-three dollars and eleven cents (\$433.11) from Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet the overdraft, Macadam Road account.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to grant, free of charge, the use of the Town Hall for all charitable and religious purposes within the limits of the Town, as petitioned for by Wm. J. Daley and others.

ART. 22. To see what action the Town will take in regard to building tar sidewalks in Town and appropriate a sum of money for the same, as petitioned for by Wm. J. Daley and others.

ART. 23. To see what action the Town will take towards providing a water supply for the Town Hall and appropriate a sum of money for same.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use, agreeable to Chap. 25, Section 75, of the Revised Laws.

ART. 25. To determine what time tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due and take any action thereon.

ART. 26. To act on any matter which may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting House, one at the Town Hall, one at the South Hamilton Post Office, in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1917.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS,
Selectmen of Hamilton.

TOWN OF HAMILTON

REPORT

OF THE

Finance and Advisory Committee

ON THE

Appropriations and Articles

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 13, 1917



SALEM, MASS.:

BARRY PRINTING COMPANY

1917

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:—

Your Committee have examined the financial needs for the maintenance of the various departments of the Town, and to provide for the payments of principal and interest due on bonds and notes for the fiscal year; and have also investigated all requests calling for appropriations of money in the various Articles of the Town Warrant; and, after careful consideration, we make the recommendations given below in this report.

ARTICLE 4.

Under Article 4, salaries and fees for each department, as well as expenses, are included in the appropriation for said department. A complete list of salaries and fees recommended is given on the page following the list of these department appropriations. All salary rates are the same as in 1916 with the exception of the salary for Town Accountant.

To raise and appropriate
money for:

	Appropriated at Two Town Meetings 1916	Called for by Selectmen 1917	Recommended by Finance Committee 1917
Repairs of Highways, etc.	\$14,000	\$6000	\$5500
Street Watering or Oiling	2,500	3000	3000
Street Lighting	5,200	4800	4800
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	\$21,700	\$13,800	\$13,300

	Appropriated at Two Town Meetings 1916	Called for by Selectmen 1917	Recommended by Finance Committee 1917
<i>Brought forward</i>	\$21,700	\$13,800	\$13,300
Road Roller	1000	1000	1000
Guard Rail	200	200	200
Sidewalks	1000	1000	1000
Poor Department	3500	4000	4000
State Aid	600	550	550
Soldiers' Relief and Mil- itary Aid	600	600	600
Town Hall	1500	1600	1600
Fire Department	1000	1000	1000
Cemetery	200	250	250
Park Commission	125	50	50
Tree Warden	300	300	300
Selectmen	840	800	800
Assessors	900	900	900
Treasurer	450	500	500
Collector	450	500	500
Accounting	550	750	715
Town Clerk	300	300	300
Police	1600	1800	1700
Snow Removal	2000	3000	2000
Board of Health	500	750	500
Finance Committee	25	25	25
Printing Town Reports	200	250	200
Brown-Tail and Gypsy Moth Work	3900	4500	4900
	<hr/> \$43,440	<hr/> \$38,425	<hr/> \$36,890

	Appropriated at two Town Meetings 1916	Called for by Selectmen 1917	Recommended by Finance Committee 1917
<i>Brought forward</i>	\$43,440	\$38,425	\$36,890
Town Hall and School			
house Loans	1980	1980	1980*
Interest on Bonds	320	240	240*
Interest on Tax Loans	1200	1200	1200
Insurance on School-house	120	—	—
Boiler Insurance	30	46	46
Schools	16,150	18,300	18,300**
Sealer of Weights and Measures	150	150	150
Election and Registration	450	500	500
Moderator	10	10	10
Legal expenses	100	100	100
Bonding officers	160	275	275
Cattle Inspector	50	60	60
Town clock	30	50	50
Public Library	650	650	650
Forest Fire Warden	30	25	25
Total	\$64,870	\$62,011	\$60,476

*From Excess and Deficiency Fund.

**Includes shingling South School, \$300.

MEMORANDUM OF SALARIES AND FEES
INCLUDED IN ABOVE APPROPRIATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 4.

Selectmen, Chairman	\$275	Overseers of Poor	
2nd member	200	Chairman	\$ 50
3rd member	200	2nd member	25
Assessors, Chairman	350	3rd member	25
2nd member	150	Registrars, \$40 each	160
3rd member	150	Election Officers and	
Treasurer	400	Tellers, \$5 each	185
Collector	400	Moderator	10
Town Clerk, salary	200	Sealer	50
Allowance for			
expenses and fees	100	Forest Fire Warden	10
Town Accountant,	700		
Board of Health, Chairman	50	Allowance for fees of	
2nd member	25	Cattle Inspector	60
3rd member	25		

Called for by
Selectmen Recommended

ARTICLE 5.

Automobile for Moth Department No action taken

ARTICLE 6.

Rust Street extension	\$700	\$700
		the work to be done by public contract

ARTICLE 7.

Grade and Oil Maple Street	\$200	\$200
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ARTICLE 10.

Appointment of Legislative Committee	250	250
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ARTICLE 11.

Aid to Ipswich Hospital		No action taken
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ARTICLE 12.

Chebacco Road	1500	Not recommended
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ARTICLE 13.

Pumping Test	1000	1000
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ARTICLE 14.

Widen and grade Arlington Street	350	350
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ARTICLE 15.

Transfer to Reserve Fund from Excess and Deficiency Fund	1000	1000
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ARTICLE 16.

Borrowing after January 1, 1918, in anticipation of taxes. We recommend authorizing the treasurer to borrow as set forth in this Article of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 17.

Printing Valuation Book, 1916,	\$275	\$275
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ARTICLE 18.

Transfer from Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet overdrafts in certain accounts, 1916

Bonding Officers	\$ 45 00
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Police	59 39
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Health	709 74
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Insp. of Cattle	3 63
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Snow Removal	2356 42
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Poor	872 34
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Ins. on Schools	10 50
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Boiler Ins.	45 35
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Treasurer	12 34
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ARTICLE 19.

Decoration Day observance	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00
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ARTICLE 20.

Finishing Main Street	\$696 02	\$696 02
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(from Excess and Deficiency fund)

Grand total of appropriations recommended

From surplus	\$8,030 72
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From taxes	61,081 00
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From all sources	\$69,111 72
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[Corresponding totals in 1916, appropriated in two Town Meetings were as follows:

From surplus	\$8,217 69
From taxes	64,640 00

From all sources	\$72,857 69]
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Respectfully yours,

REGINALD C. ROBBINS, Chairman,
FRANK P. TRUSSELL,
RAYMOND C. GOULD,
LEVERETT A. HASKELL,

*Finance and Advisory Committee,
Town of Hamilton.*

SCHOOL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HAMILTON

FOR THE YEAR

1916



SALEM, MASS.
BARRY PRINTING CO.
1917.

School Committee's Report.

Annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton for the year 1916.

ORGANIZATION.

MERRILL S. LOVERING, Chairman, Term expires 1918

FLORENCE M. LULL, Secretary, “ “ 1919

ADELAIDE D. WALSH, “ “ 1917

ADELAIDE D. WALSH, Purchasing Agent

EDWARD P. FITTS, . . . Superintendent

JOHN G. CORCORAN, M. D., School Physician

The School Committee in making their annual report to the citizens of the Town, for the year 1916, are pleased to be able to say that they feel much progress has been made in the efficiency of our schools during the year.

The condition of the schools, as a whole, is good; although the district school is a serious drawback to the efficiency of any school system, and in our Town is a problem which must be dealt with in the near future.

We have been extremely fortunate in securing the services of the present teachers to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of former teachers, many of whom went to better paying positions.

If we are to hold our best teachers we must be prepared to pay better salaries, and have considered such increase in making our estimate for 1917.

We feel that much better results can be obtained if the Town will provide an independent building for the High school, thus eliminating much existing friction between the High and elementary schools.

One condition which the committee has been forced to meet is the cost of fuel and supplies, which has been increasing steadily during the year, with no sign of diminution for the coming year.

For the year, January 1 to December 31, 1917, the committee recommends an appropriation of \$18,000.

Also, an additional appropriation of \$300 for new roofing on the north side of the South school which is a continuation of the roofing commenced a few years ago.

MERRILL S. LOVERING,

FLORENCE M. LULL,

ADELAIDE D. WALSH,

School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Hamilton,

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN:—

With the work of a full year to report, and many changes to record during that time, there will be much material with which to show that this has been a busy and eventful year.

First there has been a change in the administration of affairs, which is bound to have lasting effects, for no two Boards have just the same opinions as to how schools should be managed. Mr. George K. Knowlton, after long and most faithful service, found it necessary, because of increasing infirmities, to refuse re-election. I knew him for only a short time, but long enough to appreciate his sterling worth, his firm hold of every detail connected with school affairs, his love of justice, his position upon every question leaving no doubt as to where he stood. Public servants often never know how much they are appreciated, while in office, but when the citizens are brought to consider what has been done, grateful hearts are not slow to show their indebtedness. We are glad to record that the people of Hamilton, the teachers and the pupils, tried, in a small way to be sure, to show their obligation to this friend of all of them.

The removal of Mr. Norwood from town made another vacancy. We shall always remember him for his energy

and legal lore, which was always placed at the disposal of the Board.

Now let us look at some of the things which have been undertaken this year.

We have no more room at the South school than we had last year, but we have been able to accommodate the pupils, because by raising the age of entrance to five years and eight months there were fewer to enter the first grade, and, consequently, that room has taken all of the first grade and part of the second grade. The next four rooms have had two grades in each room, and the eighth grade is placed in the remaining room. We would much prefer not to split the grades, but we have to make a virtue of a necessity.

The most important change, so far as the arrangement of pupils is concerned, has been in transferring to the South school all seventh-grades from the North, Center, and East schools. This leaves four grades in the North school, the same number in the East, and six at the Center school. It is hardly possible to estimate the advantages to these schools in having fewer grades to teach, and the immensely better conditions for work provided those children in the South school, who have come from these schools. They are now with children of their own age exclusively, they are in competition with minds surely their equal, they are under a teacher who has time to devote to them far in excess of what they have had. If they do not succeed it will not be the fault of the committee who have made these advantages possible.

The teaching force in the grades has had three changes. Miss Moulton comes back to us to take the place of Miss Wildes, whose services we could no longer have. Mrs.

Hurlburt strengthens the force by taking the sixth and seventh grades in the South school, and Miss Pingree has been placed in charge of the North school, so long and so ably taught by Mrs. Stone.

Having plenty of good pupils with good teachers, the next essential is good books. Hamilton has had the same books for many years. Much progress has been made in the production of text-books during the last few years. They are not only better adapted to their purpose, but they are artistically more beautiful, in a word, they meet the requirements of the present day. For these reasons we are pleased that new books in spelling, in arithmetic and in reading have been adopted, and that they promise to create new enthusiasm, both in teachers and pupils, as new books are wont to do.

A further advance has been made in employing a special teacher for drawing and sewing. While before, each teacher did good work in her own way, now the subject is unified with proper graduation and with a teacher who has won the respect and cooperation of all with whom she labors. We are now in a situation to provide preparation for our pupils who wish to enter Normal School, and must be prepared in this subject.

Our High school has suffered most from a change of teachers. In the new list only the name of the principal will appear of those who were on the roll last year. And this is not the worst of the story, for new teachers have had to be supplied as substitutes, besides those who will appear in the report of this year. So many changes are not beneficial though they may be necessary.

We have lost our strongest teachers because other places were willing to pay more, and did we pay as much as these

places, there are times when it is impossible to hold teachers, because of the inducements which these places offer in size and professional advancement, over which we have no control.

In making our selections of new teachers, we have secured the highest scholarship which our salaries would command, and such experience as we could get in connection with it.

The High school needs, on the part of its pupils, a more serious and appreciative attitude toward the opportunities which are offered, and on the part of teachers and parents a hearty co-operation.

We understand that it takes time for a freshman class to adjust itself to the changed conditions under which it works in comparison with that in the grammar school. There they remained in one room and were under the constant guidance of the same teacher; when the High school is reached they pass from room to room, and have to adapt themselves to the direction of several teachers. We must meet these conditions in the right spirit, learn self-control, and make school life the business while it lasts.

We are proud of the exhibition made by the fast graduating class showing that they had appreciated their advantages, had held on to the end, had something to show for their hard work, and have gone out into the world much better prepared to meet life's difficulties and opportunities, because of the strength gained in High school.

We wish to reiterate the suggestion, made by the last year's committee, that it is desirable to make a selection of, and purchase, a suitable lot on which to erect a High school building, when it becomes absolutely necessary to have one. It would be a great blessing to both High school and grades were they in separate buildings.

The same cordial relations have existed this year, as last, with all whom it has been my pleasure to work, and for this hearty co-operation my thanks are most gratefully given. The special reports which follow are worthy of careful reading, and they show how many activities are connected with our school administration.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. FITTS,

Superintendent of Schools.

Hamilton, Dec. 30, 1916.

Report of the High School Principal.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

I have the honor to submit my third annual report of the Hamilton High School.

The High School opened September 6, 1916. The course of study for this year has been altered somewhat. A straight four-year course has been followed, with no fifth year requirement. This has raised the standard, and pupils, in order to graduate must have 16 units, the same as before.

The three-year commercial course has been discontinued. The school still holds its certification privileges to Simmons and Dartmouth, with specimen privilege to the other New England Colleges, except Harvard and Yale. Now it is for those who enter other higher institutions to "make good," and thus reflect honor upon themselves and their school, so that the privilege may be continued.

Last June a class of 19 were graduated, and these are meeting with success in their various occupations. Five of them are attending other higher institutions of learning. There is a strong Alumni Association who are much interested, and it was partly through their efforts that the Washington trip has been continued.

On December first, 1916, it was with deep regret that we accepted the resignation of Miss Marion E. Hart, head of the commercial department, who left us for a much higher position. Miss Hart's work was of a high character, and

under her instruction and guidance pupils made great advancement. Miss Gertrude Horan has been elected to fill the vacancy, and is taking up the work with considerable interest.

Good work is being done in all departments. At the close of this report you will find a copy of our course of study.

A year's work in each subject constitutes one unit of the course and requires a minimum of 350 periods of instruction, preparation and recitation. A period is 40 minutes long. Passable grades in sixteen such units are required for a diploma and in the Commercial course seventeen units will be required, one of which shall be in penmanship.

Greek and Roman History will alternate with English History, and Physics with Chemistry.

The number of units credited each year should be such that the diploma may be earned in four years.

Not all subject courses in the program can be given in any one year. It is necessary therefore to know as early as possible what are most desired for the coming year, in order that a program and schedule may be arranged before the close of the present year that will need little or no alteration on the opening of school in September.

Will the parent or guardian please mark with a cross to the left of each subject course selected for next year? Conflicting periods may interfere with the selection made, but this is much less likely to happen if a provisional choice is made at the present time. Consultation may be needed before the pupil's curriculum can be approved by the Principal. If the Preparatory Course is elected please name the college or normal school for which preparation is desired.

No unit will be allowed for a foreign language unless it is taken for two years and then two units will be allowed.

The following interpretation of marks as recommended by the State Board has been adopted beginning with 1915-1916. A or B, or a mark of 80 or above, means that the teacher considers the work of sufficient value; C, or a mark of 70 to 79 gives a unit for graduation; D, from 60 to 70 means that the teacher, in consideration of the effort and progress of the pupil, allows half credit towards graduation. (A school may, however, decide not to give such half credit). E, or a mark of 0 to 59, means that the work receives no credit.

Mechanical drawing was introduced this year for the first time. With a special drawing teacher and new apparatus, this course affords an opportunity to fit for the School of Technology. This makes one more course, and makes it still more difficult to arrange classes in the limited number of rooms that we have. If the citizens should visit our school and see us teaching all of the subjects that are required for college entrance, viz.: English, Latin, French, German, Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Biology, History, Community Civics, and Elementary Science, together with all the commercial subjects, and six typewriters going every period of the day, and see where classes have to be held, it seems to me they would say, "Let us have a new building at once." A new building is necessary, in order that we may meet the needs of the students and compete with other schools.

The work in music consists of one period a week of instruction in singing, and a period for practice at other times during the week.

I take this opportunity to express an appreciation of the co-operation of the teachers who have worked with me in the school, also, I extend thanks to the Superintendent, School Committee and Citizens for their counsel, advice, and support.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON S. MITCHELL,

Principal.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing.

Dec. 30, 1916.

To Mr. E. P. Fitts,

Superintendent of Schools, Hamilton: —

As I have been connected with your schools for a very short period of time, it gives me pleasure to be able to state that the prospects for the year's work are very pleasing. What has been accomplished so far shows decided interest and effort on the part of both teachers and pupils.

DRAWING.

The art instruction in the public schools covers a large field of work, commonly divided into three classes: the ability to represent free-hand nature and common objects,

to be able to plan and make patterns and construct useful articles, and to show good taste in dress, in home decoration, and in the selection of all manufactured articles, also to make all their school-work attractive.

Picture study also is an important feature, although I believe it is of the most value when taken up to illustrate other subjects as the need arises, and the merits of the work and the lives of the artists discussed at that time. No school-room need be without a good collection since Perry or Brown's pictures, or the reproductions in many magazines can be obtained so easily.

SEWING.

There are two classes in sewing in the South school: the fifth and sixth grades in one and the seventh and eighth grades in the other. The first class is learning the most common stitches, and applying them to such articles as dusters, bags, towels, etc. In the second class the ability is so varied, as a result of some having done more work than others in the summer, that the children are doing different kinds of work according to their individual needs. Already many articles of clothing have been made.

HIGH SCHOOL.

One forty-minute period a week is devoted to mechanical drawing under instruction. Work for another period is given, so that the boys may learn to work independently, and also gain practice in the use of the instruments. In short periods one is apt to feel hurried, and the best work is not accomplished. Two periods in succession would be more satisfactory.

I wish to thank the teachers, and all who are helping to make the work a pleasure and a success.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULA LANG CLOUGH.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

The time given to the supervision of music in the Hamilton schools is the same this year as last. A few changes have been made in the arrangement and length of periods in the South school, but no change whatever has taken place in the district schools.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

In the first grade individual attention is given to the children. A record is kept of the range of each child's voice and great care is taken in extending the range. Exercises are given to develop a soft, sweet singing tone. Rote songs form the basis of the work.

In the second grade rote songs are given, as in the first grade, and after the Christmas recess a beginning is made in the reading of music and in the study of the rudiments. In this grade the work is mostly individual.

In the third and fourth grades the work is both individual and collective. Much time is given to the study of the rudiments of music.

In the remaining grades the singing is collective. The children needing especial attention receive this attention in a period set apart for coaching.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

At the North, East and Center schools instruction is given in three divisions. In the first division rote songs form the basis of the work. In the next two divisions most of the time is taken up in the reading and singing of songs and exercises in the books; the reading is mostly individual and the singing, collective. Since grades are combined in these divisions, the same kind of work cannot possibly be done that is done in the respective grades of the South school.

HIGH SCHOOL.

In the High school there is greater volume in the singing this year than last. It is to be regretted, however, that there are not more tenors in the school, that this section might better hold its own with the other sections.

The kindness of the Superintendent and the hearty co-operation of the teachers are gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. STONE.

Report of the School Physician.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

The schools for the past year have been very free from epidemics, the North school being the only one compelled to close, and that for only two weeks because of a case of infantile paralysis in the neighborhood.

The routine work has been carried on as in past years.

JOHN G. CORCORAN, M. D.,

School Physician.

Report of Attendance Officer.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

I hereby submit my report as Attendance Officer for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

I have made 48 calls during my term of office, which commenced June 6, 1916. In many cases there were good excuses for absence, but in others the pupils have been encouraged to stay out to work. The people who hire pupils of school age, without a school certificate, are liable to a heavy fine. Not only the absentees, but the people who hire them should be held responsible in the future.

OSCAR A. WOOD,

Attendance Officer.

COURSE OF STUDY—HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

PREPARATORY COURSE		COMMERCIAL COURSE	
REQUIRED		REQUIRED	
English		English	
Algebra		Introductory Science	
Introductory Science		Community Civics	
ELECTIVE		ELECTIVE	
Latin or French		Algebra or Arithmetic	
Community Civics		Latin or French	
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SECOND YEAR			
REQUIRED		REQUIRED	
English		English	
Algebra		Introductory Business	
ELECTIVE		ELECTIVE	
Greek and Roman History		Typewriting	
Biology		Stenography	
Latin or French		Bookkeeping	
		One course from preparatory list	
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THIRD YEAR			
REQUIRED		REQUIRED	
English		English	
Geometry		Introductory Business	
ELECTIVE		ELECTIVE	
Physics		Typewriting	
French or German		Stenography	
Latin		Bookkeeping	
		One course from preparatory list	
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FOURTH YEAR			
REQUIRED		REQUIRED	
English		English	
U. S. History and Civics		U. S. History and Civics	
ELECTIVE		ELECTIVE	
Physics		Com. Arithmetic and	
French		Com. Law	
German		Typewriting	
Latin		Stenography	
Solid Geometry and		Bookkeeping	
Math. Reviews		One course from preparatory list	

In the diploma course at least two units must be taken in Bookkeeping and two units in consecutive years in stenography. A general course may be laid out in which Algebra and Geometry are not required.

Any course listed above, not already credited and needed for college entrance, three to be elected.

Teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Nelson S. Mitchell, Principal.
Katherine Call, Assistant.
Dorothy Taylor, "
Rachel W. Morse, "
M. Gertrude Horan, "

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Margaret P. Buell, Principal. Hazel E. Ramer,
Edna F. Hurlburt, Ellen E. Bennett,
Ada E. Moulton, Edith L. Fletcher,
Nelly G. Cutting.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Edith M. Anderson.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Eleanor Pingree.

EAST SCHOOL.

Miriam D. Harding.

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Henry L. Stone.

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

Paula L. Clough.

School Registration, 1916.

		Totals
Boys 5 to 7 years of age	19	
Girls 5 to 7 years of age	30	
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Boys 7 to 14 years of age	130	
Girls 7 to 14 years of age	122	
	<hr/>	252
Boys 14 to 16 years of age	37	
Girls 14 to 16 years of age	18	
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Total		<hr/>
		356
Educational Certificates issued		51
Employment Certificates issued		13
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Total		64

ATTENDANCE DATA

September, 1915, to June, 1916.

SCHOOL	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	PER CENT. ATTENDANCE
Center	22	12.5	12	96
North	32	26	23.7	91.4
East	35	29.6	26.5	89.4
South Grade I	39	31.5	29.3	92.1
South Grades II and III	45	35	32.2	91.9
South Grades III and IV	40	39.6	37.3	94.2
South Grades IV and V	46	40.4	38.3	94.8
South Grades VI and VII	46	41.7	36.6	87.7
South Grade VIII	37	33.3	31.2	93.7
High	85	77	70.8	92

Roll of Honor.

Pupils neither absent, tardy nor dismissed.

FOR A YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Bertha Johnson

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Joseph E. Dufton
Lorena M. Case
A. Louise Day
Helen K. Gorman

Arthur Mason
Harry Holmes
George Morrow
A. Pearl Foss

FOR A HALF YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Wilbur S. Daley
Scott Libby

Robert B. Trussell
Myrtle D. Conrad

Gertrude Sculley

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Francis J. Denneen
Norman Peatfield
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